

ABSTRACT

The specification describes a hand-held device for gripping objects positioned beyond arm's length, the device comprising at least a first pair of jaws movable relative to each other between at least an unclamped and at least a first clamped position thereof; a handle spaced apart from the at least first pair of jaws by a central portion, the handle including a moveable trigger connected to the at least first pair of jaws, whereby movement of the trigger is operative to selectively position the at least first pair of jaws between the unclamped position and a fully closed position thereof, and a locking mechanism operative to selectively lock the at least first pair of jaws in the at least first clamped position thereof. The locking mechanism comprises: (a) a lock lever including a cam surface, the lock lever selectively moveable between a first position, wherein the lock lever is engaged with the trigger to limit movement thereof, and a second position, wherein the lock lever is disengaged from the trigger to permit unlimited movement thereof, and wherein further the lock lever is biased to the first position thereof; and (b) a manually operable switch having a cam following portion which, by selective movement of the switch, is positionable along the cam surface of the lock lever to effect movement of the lock lever between the first and second positions thereof.